



COALITION FOR ADVANCING RESEARCH ASSESSMENT

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An urgent need to reform existing ways of assessing research

- Assessment processes relying predominantly on journal- and publication-based metrics **can be a hurdle to the recognition of diverse contributions** and may negatively affect the quality and impact of research.
- They also contribute to an **unhealthy research culture** and an **unaffordable publication system**.



From Agreement to action

- [The Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](#) sets a **shared direction for changes in assessment practices for research, researchers and research performing organisations**.
- Overarching goal: to **maximise the quality and impact of research** by setting a common direction.
- The Agreement includes the principles, commitments and timeframe for reforms and lays out the principles for a Coalition of organisations willing to work together in implementing the changes.



4 Core Commitments



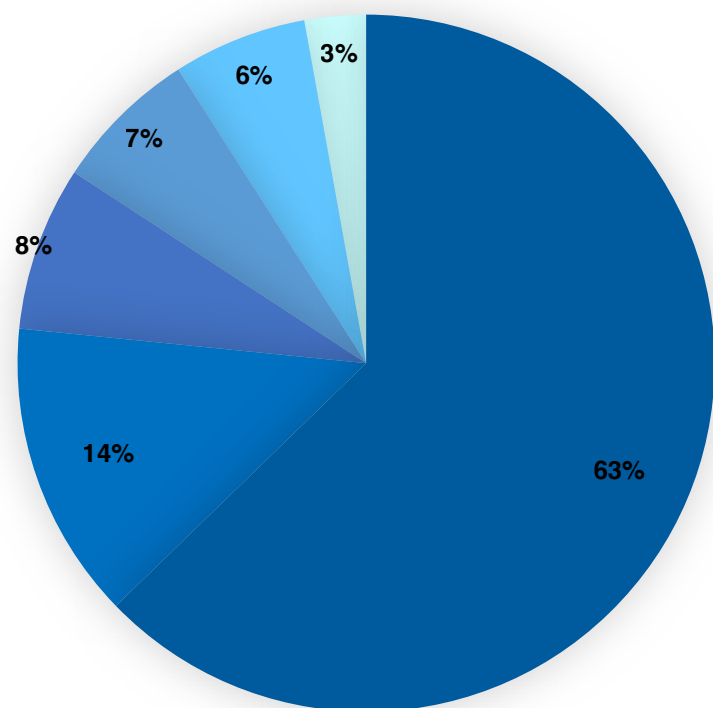
1. **Recognise the diversity of contributions** to, and careers in, research, in accordance with the needs and the nature of the research.
2. **Base research assessment primarily on qualitative evaluation for which peer-review is central**, supported by responsible use of quantitative indicators.
3. **Abandon the inappropriate uses in research assessment of journal- and publication-based metrics**, in particular the inappropriate uses of journal impact factor (JIF) and h-index.
4. **Avoid the use of rankings of research organisations** in research assessment.

4 Core Commitments

5. **Commit resources** to reforming research assessment as is needed to achieve the organisational changes committed to.
6. **Review and develop** research assessment criteria, tools and processes.
7. **Raise awareness** of research assessment reform and provide transparent communication, guidance, and training on assessment criteria and processes as well as their use.
8. Exchange practices and experiences to enable **mutual learning** within and beyond the Coalition.
9. **Communicate progress** made on adherence to the Principles and implementation of the Commitments.
10. **Evaluate** practices, criteria and tools **based on solid evidence** and the state-of-the-art in research on research, and **make data openly available** for evidence gathering and research.



CoARA membership by type of organisation



In descending order of total share:

- Universities and their associations
- Research centres, research infrastructures, and their associations
- Academies, learned societies, and their associations, and associations of researchers
- Public or private research funding organisations and their associations
- Other relevant non-for-profit organisations involved with research assessment, and their associations
- National/regional authorities or agencies that implement some form of research assessment and their associations

773 member
organisations
888 signatories

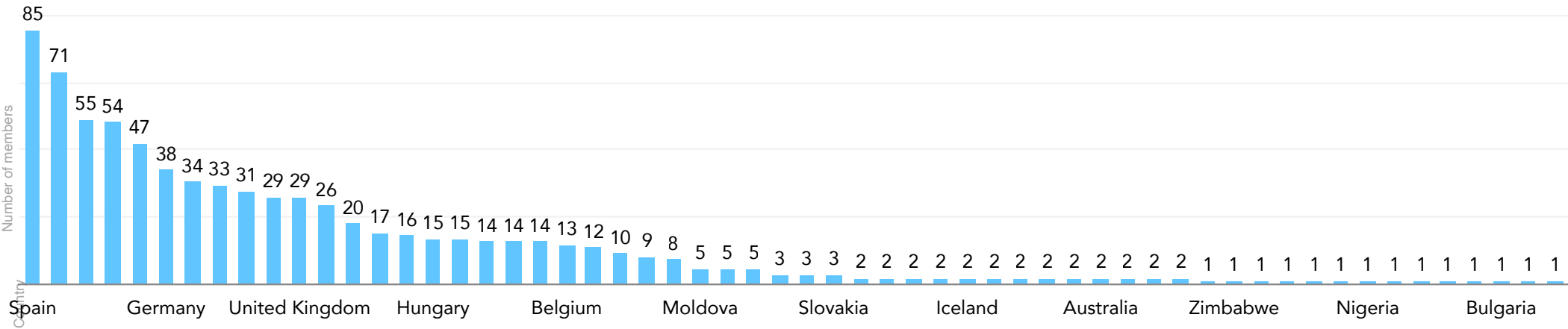
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CoARA membership by country: members in about 29.7% of the world's countries

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773

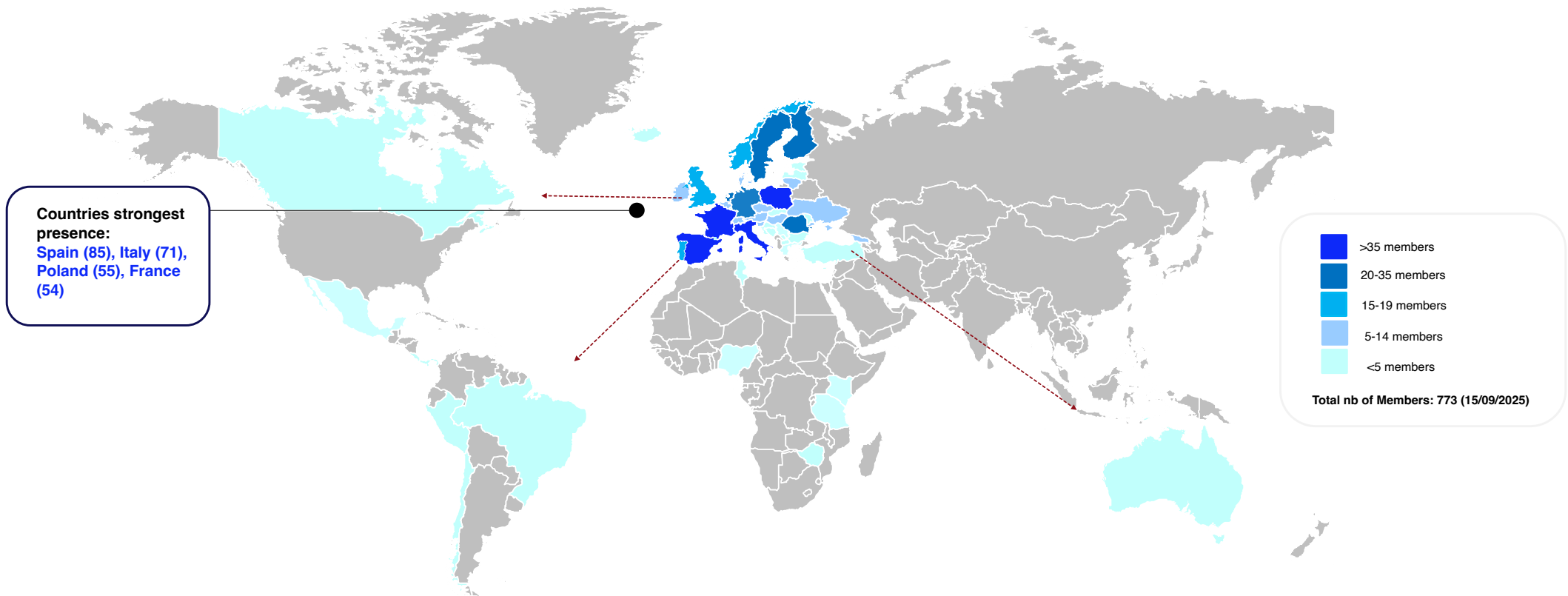
of countries*:
58

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*excl. pan-European and global organisations

CoARA membership 15 September 2025 International outreach goals



Overview of the CoARA Working Groups



Reforming Academic Career Assessment



Multilingualism and Language Biases in Research Assessment



Towards Open Infrastructure for Responsible Research Assessment



Global Framework for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)



Responsible Metrics and Indicators



Towards Transformation, Transdisciplinarity, Applied/Practice-Based Research, and Impacts



Early-and-Mid-Career Researchers (EMCRs) – Assessment and Research Culture



Supporting the Alignment of Research Assessment Systems with CoARA in Biomedical Disciplines Through Administrative Reforms and Governance



Recognizing and Rewarding Peer Review



Experiments in Assessment – Idea Generation, Co-Creation, and Piloting



Improving Practices in the Assessment of Research Proposals



Ethics and Research Integrity Policy in Responsible Research Assessment for Data and Artificial Intelligence



TIER – Towards an Inclusive Evaluation of Research



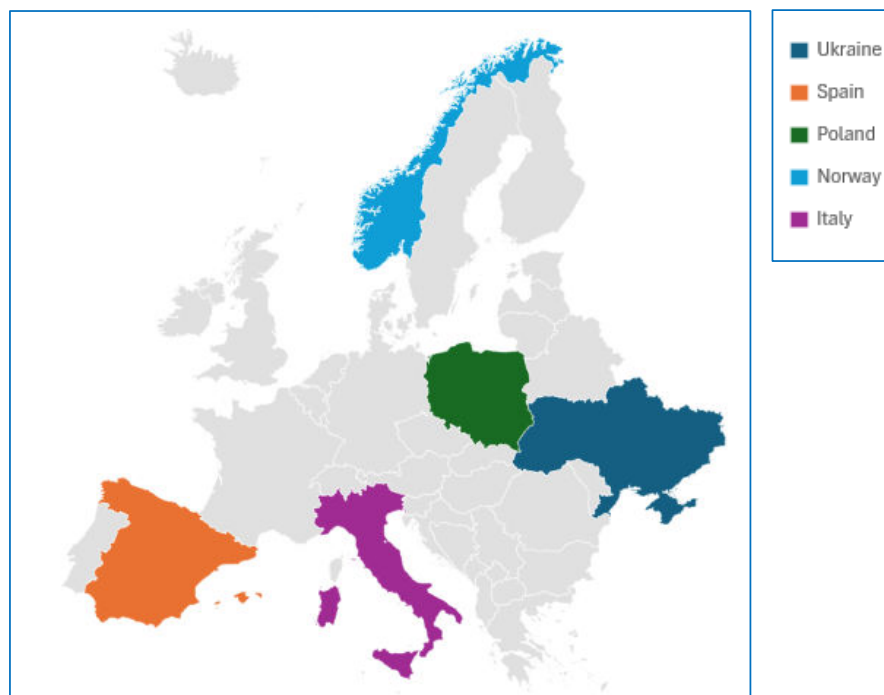
1st WGs Co-Chair meeting
17 November 2023

National Chapters are central for a coherent and diverse CoARA

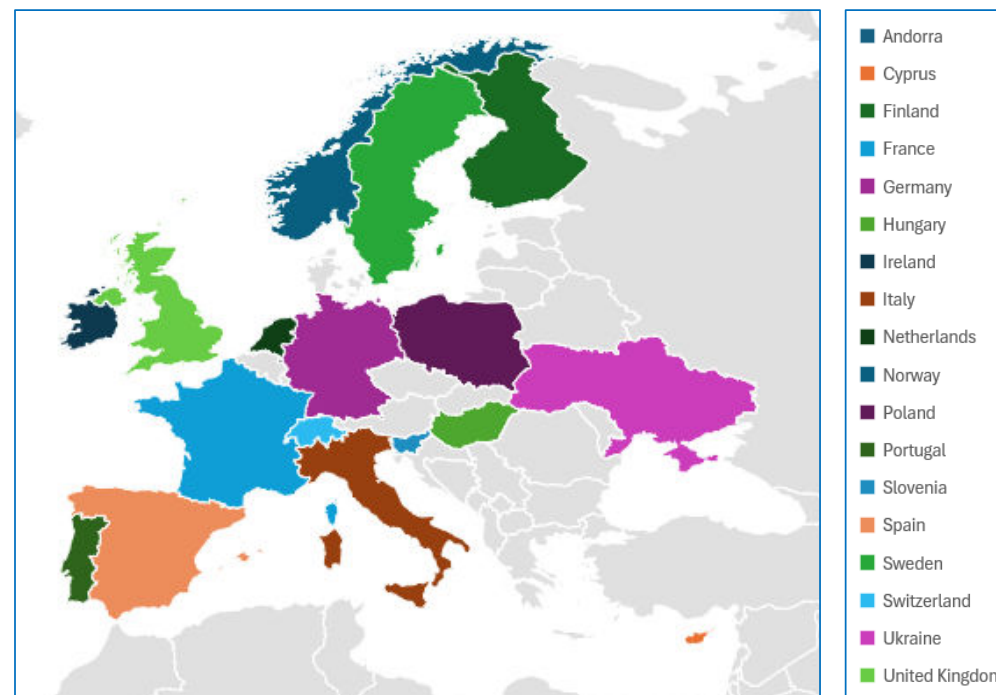


No cut-off dates!
Monthly submission review

National Chapters in 2023



National Chapters in 2025



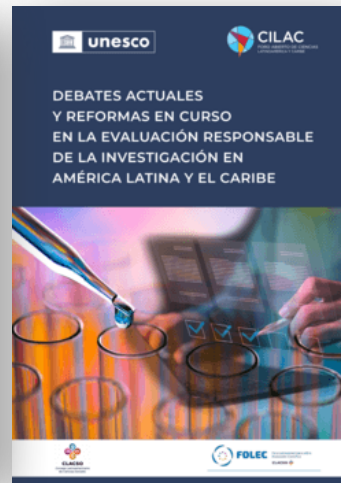
CoARA in recently published policy documents (highlights)



[OECD - source](#)



[Swiss Position Paper- source](#)



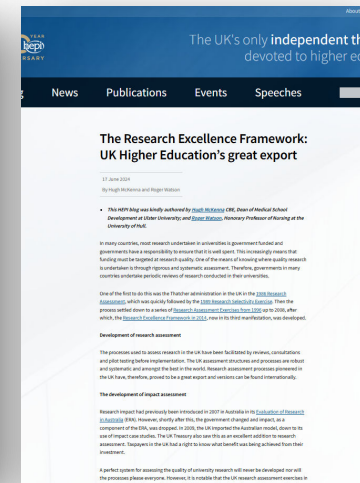
[UNESCO - source](#)



[Market Research & Consulting - source](#)



[European Commission - source](#)



[HEPI - source](#)

Rich pool of reflections on CoARA in policy documents globally

CoARA outreach



Linking policy priorities:



Indo-French Seminar in Delhi, India March 2025

Lidia Borrell-Damián (Science Europe) presenting links between CoARA and **Open Science**



CoARA Steering Board Member, Luciana Balboa, discusses inclusive research assessment reform.

Hyderabad, India. June 2025.



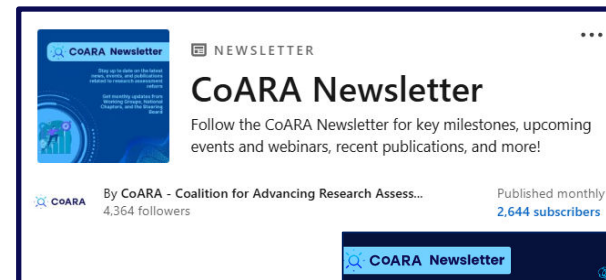
Communication toolkit

- [Advocacy materials](#) on the coara.org website
 - CoARA support badge
 - Zoom backgrounds for webinars and CoARA online events
 - Generic presentations with CoARA branding
 - National Chapters printable booklet
- Dissemination channels to streamline activities and amplify your messages
 - [CoARA Newsletter](#): bi-monthly distribution with 2.5k+ subscribers to date
 - [CoARA LinkedIn](#): 4.3k+ followers to date to amplify your activities and keep you up to date on all coalition-related news
 - [CoARA News blog](#): spotlight upcoming activities, publications, or events
 - [CoARA Youtube channel](#): hosting webinars and helpful resources for coalition members
 - [CoARA transitions to Bluesky → follow us!](#)



Contact communication@coara.org for inquiries and dissemination requests

Key dissemination channels:

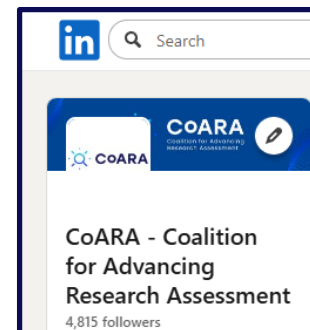


Streamlining activities across the coalition



2.5k+

newsletter subscribers to date



Facilitating connectivity across the growing coalition

4.7k

followers on LinkedIn to date



2.3k

followers gained in the past year